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To; Dunstable Boards, Committees, and Elected Officials

From; Board of Selectmen

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The Board of Selectmen has selected five major projects which it believes has immediate impact as well as long term benefits to the community. We are submitting these for the consideration of the various committees and boards to comment, and to enlist their support in areas where the governing authority will require assistance.

- Water Commissioners have initiated an aggressive project to improve the infrastructure
  of our existing water system, and position the town to generate revenue through the
  sale of water. The Board intends to support the project and assist the Water
  Commissioners with whatever resources are available.
- 2. Master Plan Review with emphasis on generating economic development utilizing existing resources within the town. Continuing to support our long term needs through real estate and excise taxes is not realistic. The town must begin to look to other resources while preserving the unique character of the town.
- 3. Improve cell phone communications. More people rely on cell service than ever before and the use continues to expand. The issue extends beyond convenience to one of public safety. Two instances include a traffic accident where personal injury was involved. An EMS member first on the scene had to leave the immediate area to contact emergency support. The ice storm experienced by the area underscores the exposure. Had the Middlesex Sherriff's Command Unit not been available, service to the community would have been seriously affected.
- 4. Revisit the Mixed Use District designed to increase our state mandated affordable housing inventory and add a retail services component to our community.
- 5. Governance Review. Dunstable has been operating much the same for over 40 years. The complexities with municipal government has multiplied and the expectation for continuing to support the town with volunteers without professional resources is unfair to many who will continue to participate. In August the town will undergo a financial analysis to be provided by state level professionals. The Board will seek a similar analysis from an organizational perspective and begin to develop a plan to improve how we govern in the future.

At the regularly scheduled meeting on Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Board intends to review these further and we invite representatives of each board and committee at 8:00pm to discuss these priority items as well as appointments and use of professional resources for the upcoming year.

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